# Washington County DCFS Child Welfare Quality Improvement Committee Meeting Notes - DRAFT 02 February 2015 12:00 1:00 p.m.

#### **Mission Statement:**

The Washington County Quality Improvement Committee (QIC), working in partnership with the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), advocate for the client well-being by identifying areas of Improvement and promoting changes within the child welfare system

**Attending:** Craig Bunnell, Martha Beacco, Kyle Garrett, Kelly Stapley, Gordon Gunn, Cossette Mills (Presenter), Destry Maycock (Presenter), Ben Ashcraft, Shirley Owen, Julie Nelson, Darrell Benson, Dave Ribacchi, Debbie Justice, Vicki Schouten, Lori Short, Karen Goff, Wayne Preston, Creta Cheesman, Lindsey Boyer, Jana Timmons,

Excused: Lori Orton

Visitors: Cossette Mills (Presenter), Destry Maycock (Presenter)

## Introductions/News/Announcements:

Craig would like to discuss the DCFS Appreciation Luncheon and Topic for next month's meeting.

- Martha forgot the Recorder -

**Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** All Members approved January's Minutes.

## **Committee Member Reports:**

- A. CJC:
- B. C.A.S.A.: Introducing
- C. Utah Foster Care:
- D. DJJS:
- E. School District:
- F. Community Members:
- G. DCFS:

#### **AGENDA:**

 Community Resources for So. West Region, ST. George, Iron, Kanab, Richfield, Beaver, Manti etc. Presenting – Cosette Mills, Destry Maycock

Power Point Presentation/Handout provided attached:

The goal of HomeWorks is to *enhance* parents' capacity to safely care for their children *in* their home and safely reduce the need for foster care in Utah.

Handout shows Southwest Region Community Resources Survey

- Top 5 Concerns
- Substance Abuse
- Mental Health
- Family Functioning
- Domestic Violence
- Basic Needs

The Beige areas show the greater need.

Quality

- Accessibility
- Availability

#### **In-Home Services Contracted and Resources**

- Family Functioning
- In-Home Parent/Peer Parent
- In-Home Training/Family First
- Crisis Respite Nursery
- Substance Abuse
- Drug Testing
- Mental Health
- Non-Medicaid
- Domestic Violence
- Domestic Violence Shelter
- Domestic Violence Assessment/Treatment
- Basic Needs
- Flex Funding (limited assistance such as rent, utilities, transportation)

# Sticky Wall - Participation

- Staying with Washington Co.
- What do you know is available in your community
- Resource Providers

#### Mental Health -

- TLC provides both adult and infant/Toddler Mental Health at no cost to eligible families without Medicaid.
- South West Center
- Churches
- Local/Private Counseling
- Utah Family Institute (Dr. Featherstone) Mental Health, DV, Psych Evals. Parental Fitness Exams etc..
- Therapy Associates
- LDS Family Services
- Sage Counseling

# **Domestic Violence -**

- Washington Justice Center
- ISAT
- ASUCE
- Russ Talbot Program
- Turning Leaf
- Hurricane Valley Counseling Center
- DV Perpetrator & Victims Services
- Dove Center (Shelter, Advocacy, Counseling to Primary and Secondary Victims of DV/Rape/Sexual Assault
- Erin Kimball
- Victim Advocates @ PD and Courts Attorney Office
- Premier Counseling
- Sage Counseling

# Substance Abuse -

- South West
- Drug Testing Facilities
- Alano Club 12 Steps & Alanon Meetings
- DCFS
- Police
- LDS 12 Step Program
- Horizon House
- Turning Leaf

Russ Talbot

#### Family Function -

- So. West Center
- Youth Crisis Intervention (MCOT)
- Youth Crisis Center (DJJS) Youth Out Reach Program
- Washington Co. Transit Services
- HomeWorks
- Peer Parenting
- Families First
- Learning Center for Families
- Juvenile Court
- Family Support
- · TLC
- CASA Volunteers

# Basic Needs -

- Switch Point Community Resource Center
- Homeless Shelter
- Salvation Army
- DI Vouchers (from School Counselors, a LDS Bishop or DCFS)
- 5 Counties (Homeless Preservation, Rapid Re-housing, Transportation)
- Christmas Help (School Counselors, WA School District Office, Kony Koins for Kids)
- WCSD (Assistance League provides clothing for School Age Children)
- DWS
- Utah Foster Care Foundation
- Doctor's Free Volunteer Clinic
- TLC (pays prenatal care for eligible Pregnant Moms)
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- Transient Bishop (regardless of Religion)
- Catholic Thrift Store
- Utah Legal Services (immigration, Work Visa etc.)
- IHC thrift store provides vouchers for clothing & furniture
- Utah Food Bank (Soup Kitchen, Solomon's Porch, Switch Point)
- Dixie Care and Share
- CAP (Community Action Program) Housing
- Safety Net Adam Elliott & Steven Sullivan
- Informal Polygamist Group

## Where does QIC want to go from here?

- Barriers
- Open Door
- Financial

## **Questions/Concerns -**

- Where is the Advocacy Arm to all of this?
- What is out there? Cost, Availability
- We have the Services to work?
- What about Overlapping Services?
- Parents need to know their boundaries to keep them SAFE and their Children SAFE

# In order for Families to be successful they need -

Family Function ----- → Basic Needs

# **Action Item – Committee Members are to bring:**

Printed lists/Resources etc...

# QIC Monday Schedule for 2015

05 January NO JULY
02 February 03 August
02 March 07 September
06 April 05 October
04 May 02 November
01 June NO DECEMBER

DISMISS: 1:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: 05 March 2015

Public Comments (brief mention of items that may be included on future agenda's)

QIC Website: QIC website at <a href="http://www.utahqic.utah.gov/">http://www.utahqic.utah.gov/</a>. --Carol Miller

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